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The Honorable Fred E. Busbey
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Busbey:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 27 November 1951 addressed to Mr. William H. Jackson as Chairman of the Central Intelligence Agency Loyalty Board. Mr. Jackson, who is here periodically as a consultant to the Director of Central Intelligence, has turned your letter over to me as I became Chairman of the CIA Loyalty Board at the same time that I succeeded him as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

The CIA Loyalty Board is composed of the three Deputy Directors and the Assistant Directors of the Agency. A panel of three members of this Board is selected by me for each case. The present Deputies are myself, Mr. Frank G. Wisner and Mr. Walter Reid Wolf. For reasons of security, we would prefer not to release the names of our Assistant Directors, and, as a matter of fact, some of them have never sat on loyalty board cases here. The members of the Board have access to the files only in those cases in which they participate. While the CIA Loyalty Board does not have any employees of its own as such, the Executive Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence sits with the Board as Recorder, together with counsel and the Chief or Deputy Chief of our Security Division.

In addition to those indicated above, approximately six persons handle each case. Of these, one is the stenotypist for Board proceedings, and the others are members of our security staff.

We feel that loyalty information regarding an employee should be known only to a minimum number of people. Therefore, all transmission of loyalty data within the Agency is accomplished by hand in envelopes marked "Eyes Only". This precludes the information passing through the scrutiny of numerous message centers, secretaries and other personnel who have no need for access to this type of information.